

# Washington State Elections Weekly

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## ERIC Outreach Mailing

160,000 “eligible but unregistered” people across the state will receive ERIC outreach postcards next week. While we hope to minimize call volume to your offices, these [talking points](#) may be useful if you receive calls.

## Action Item | Quick County Survey

The Elections Information Systems team would like to know when you stop entering cancellations into your voter registration system.

We want to be sure that we get you all of your out-of-state cancellations notices so that you have plenty of time to process them prior to your cutoff. Please send a short email to [Stuart Holmes](#) with when you usually stop entering cancellations (i.e., address change deadline, voter file sent to printer, in-person deadline, etc.) – thanks!

## L&A Test | Upload Setup

Before your Official Logic & Accuracy Test, you’ll need to set up your election in WEI. For step-by-step instructions and best practices on how to complete your setup for uploading results, view this short [WEI Tutorial](#). During the official test, the results printout will be compared to results uploaded into WEI.

## L&A Test | Test Result Reminder

If a jurisdiction has more than one measure, and each has the same response position names, results for **both** response positions shall be unique between the two measures. For the state jurisdiction, the three initiatives require unique results as well as the two advisory votes.

## TVW’s Video Voters’ Guide

Once again, we partnered with [TVW](#) to present the [2014 Video Voters' Guide](#), featuring statewide candidates, and ballot measure supporters and opponents.

## **Bulk Voters' Pamphlet Delivery**

Voters' Pamphlet delivery to your office is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>; September 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> if you requested early delivery for your UOCAVA packets. The pamphlets delivered to your office are spares in case some are lost or damaged – please do NOT give your office copies out prior to residential delivery, October 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Printer-friendly Voters' Pamphlet Editions Online**

Folks can get a sneak peak of the Voters' Pamphlet at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov), or download the [printer-friendly version](#) of your regional edition. Feel free to share these links on your website for your UOCAVA voters, college students, and “snowbirds” flying south for the winter!

## **General Election Radio Ads**

Our three radio ads focus on General Election deadlines. These ads air statewide beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>.

- [Registration update deadline](#) airs October 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>
- [New registration deadline](#) airs October 1<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>
- [Voting deadline](#) airs October 15<sup>th</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup>

The radio ads are also available in [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#), and [Vietnamese](#).

## **Signature Check Training | Franklin & Walla Walla Counties**

Do you need to attend Signature Check Training? Trainings will be presented on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in Franklin County and 2:00 p.m. in Walla Walla County. Both counties have room for more attendees. To attend training in Franklin County, contact Diana Killian at (509) 545-3538. For Walla Walla County, contact Dave Valliant at (509) 524-2534.

## **Student Mock Elections in Your County**

This year our statewide Mock Election is expected to draw 20,000 student voters in grades K-12. If you'd like to talk to youth in your county about the importance of voting, you can include one high-interest local measure or race on your students' ballots. Contact us by September 17<sup>th</sup> at [iWillVote@sos.wa.gov](mailto:iWillVote@sos.wa.gov). Also, check out the [Mock Election](#) and free curriculum on our website.

## Question of the Day | Confirmation Notices

**Q:** Do the counties have to send a voter registration application in addition to the confirmation notice? Doesn't the confirmation notice now serves as a way to transfer a voter's registration?

**A:** No, you do not have to send a voter registration application. The confirmation notice now contains all the voter registration information necessary to transfer/register a voter.

## In the News | Senate Rules Committee Schedules Vote

Senate Rules Committee Schedules Vote on Matt Masterson and Christy McCormick as Nominees for EAC on 9/17/14

Yesterday the Senate Rules Committee held a nomination hearing, chaired by Sen. Angus King (I-ME), for Matt Masterson (OH SOS office) and Christy McCormick (DOJ Voting Section) who were recommended by Republican leadership in the House and Senate and nominated by President Obama to serve as Commissioners of the [US Election Assistance Commission](#) (EAC).

We learned today that the Rules Committee plans to vote on these two nominees next Wednesday, September 17th. We were told that the vote is scheduled for a meeting room in the Capital building (as opposed to the Rules Committee hearing room) to ensure a quorum of Senators. Sen. King was the only committee member present at the hearing yesterday. It is unlikely that the public will be able to attend and unfortunately there are no webcams to webcast the proceeding. This was how the Committee vote for the other two commissioner nominees (Tom Hicks, Myrna Perez) took place last spring.

If the Rules Committee votes to approve the nominations of Masterson and McCormick, their nominations will move to the Senate Calendar for floor consideration by the full Senate. No action is needed by the House. It is expected that the four nominees would be presented together for a vote on the Senate floor. It is not clear if a floor vote will happen before Congress recesses at the end of September.

## Secretary Wyman Goes the Extra Mile for Military Voters

Secretary Wyman is featured in the new election-themed edition of [Capitol Ideas](#) (scroll down to p. 22.) published by the Council of State Governments. Her op-ed is about going the extra mile for our military and overseas voters, and includes her personal story about challenges that face these voters, and her commitment to advocating for military families and providing excellent voter services. Kim is policy chair for the Council of State Governments' Overseas Voting Initiative.

The online magazine is chock full of good information, including thoughts from Secretary of State Kate Brown from our neighboring state of Oregon. She is president of the [National Association of Secretaries of State](#) (NASS); Secretary Wyman is western states vice president for NASS.

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